Have you told your

Colony is suffering

Trade

Preterences

"a certain element of truth" in

a\* report that British colonies

will, in future, give Ibaly trade

preferences more favourable

than are enjoyed by the Do-

minions, a Colonial Office

The spokesman was commenting

on a statement by Sir Earle Page,

former member of the Australian

Government, that the Colonial

Office had instructed East' African colonies to give Italy and Germany

spokesman said today.

Government.

London, Apr. 1.—There was

a water famine?

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# Soviets Erect Barrier

Berlin Airfield

#### Do so immediately Military Post Set Up and make them Save Water British Territory Colonies And

# TRAIN SERVICES CANCELLED

Berlin, Apr. 1.—Soviet troops today established a military post with a barrier at the crossroads on the edge of the British Berlin airfield at Gatow, just inside the British sector, it was officially announced tonight. The Soviet troops detained several British people, including two women, but later released them.

A protest demanding the withdrawal of the post has been sent to General Kotikov by Major General E. O. Herbert, the British commander in Berlin. When the Soviet troops were asked to leave immediately by a British officer, they stated they could not go away without the permission of General Alexander Kotikov, commanding the Soviet troops in Berlin.

trade preference over Dominions such as South Africa and Australia. British troops, Sir Earle Page urged a combined

Zones.

Dominion protest to the British Soviet frontler guards at Marien- fication sent to the three Western born have been ordered to Berlin powers on Tuesday. immediately by the British autho-"The report is not true about rities. The order was given after Germany," the spokesman said, "but General Brownjohn had discussed sisted on Soviet officials being given ammunition, sources in close touch there is a certain element of truth the in it with regard to Italy, which Lukantschenko-at-Soviet-headquar- British—trains, and General-ported-tonightarises from interpretations of Colonal ters at Karlshorst tonight.

Office directives by individual colonies." The tone of the conversation was stated to be "not hostile but firm." The British Government wil shortly issue fresh instructions to British colonies on trade preferences.

the crossroads were then closed by note of protest yesterday. The Soviet general replied with the same arguments as were The British trains detained by forward in the original Soviet noti-

> The Soviet representative in-Brownjohn repeated the British refusal to allow them to do so.

Soviet regulations in much the would be no more British trains-to use aircraft.

Three of the four reads forming, same terms as those he used in his pacross the Soviet Zone until further General Brownjohn spoke only on

behalf of the British authorities and had not acted as a spokesman for the three Western Allies, it was

All Russian troops guarding fronl tier lines have been issued with live situation with General the right to enter and search with Russian Command circles re-

Previously, only those troops in what were considered dangerous spots had live ammunition. After the meeting, an official expressed in these circles held that General Brownjohn was reported British spokesman said there was no the Soviet Command was fully preto have told General Lukantschenko reason for supposing that it had any pared to take measures to counteract of the British objection to the new positive results. He added there the British and American intention

Their Majesties the King and Queen celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on April 26. Here is the latest portrait of the King and Queen, with Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, taken at Buckingham Palace last month.

## Security Council Approves US Truce Plan For Palestine

Lake Success, Apr. 1—The Security Council of the United Nations tonight unanimously adopted the American proposal for a truce in Palestine. Earlier, Argentina announced that she would support the United States request for a special session of

Dr Jose Arce (Argentina) said: "If | there are powers, who are interested In creating chaos in Polestine in order to infiltrate into the Middle East and gain a political foothold, we shall oppose them." by Haganah forces at Mount Castel, The debate was resumed under in the hills west of Jerusalem, in an

the new Presidency of Dr Alfonso attempt to beat back the Arabs lying Lopez, of Colombia. M. Joseph Wiset (Belgium) also

ARABS' TRUCE TERMS Damascus, April 2,-The Arabs will agree to a truce in Palestino

state set up in the Holy Land, Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, said on Thursday. The United States proposal for a truce in Palestine was discussed by the Arab higher executive in two meetings on Wednesday, Azzam

an exclusive interview. No decision was reached at either meeting, the Secretary General said. Premier Aiyad Al Sulh of the Labanon was quoted as saying that although Arabs are desirous for peace in the Holy Land, they will' not lay down their arms until Arah

aspirations there are fully realised. THREE-CORNERED BATTLE swept the walls of the Old City of convoys may be allowed to cuter Jerusalem tonight as a three- Jerusalem without bloodshed. cornered, short, sharp battle was fought between Arabs and Jews tinned food and queueing outside the with the British intervening.

There was a steady rattle of ma-, stocks. chihe-gun fire and some explosions, believed to have been caused by Zion Gate-one of the eight gates chells from British light artillery, of Jerusalem's Old Walled Cityfired as a warning to stop the fight- early today as Arabs in Deir Abu ing.-Reuter.

FILM OFFICES ROBBED Jerusalem, Apr. 1.-A group armed Arabs penetrated the offices of the Palestine Government film sec-£10,000, a reliable private source

The offices are situated in the HEAVY CASUALTIES

Of those killed, 110 were British soldiers or police. More than 4,000 people have also been wounded, Norway Week dinner at the Univer- had-by individuals and nations-by The sources showed that 566 of the sity of Wisconsin. deaths occurred during March this but asserted "It is my profound con-the peace of the grave."

troad blocks in the Judean Hills. democratic institutions.

the General Assembly on Palestine. The convoy, which had been sheltoring near the settlement of Hulda, after being ambushed by Arabs last night, made its bld to get through simultaneously with a strong drive

The Royal

Family

in wait for the food lorries. The easualties were thought supporting the United States, said have been high among the Haganah it was the Security Council's duty to "striking force." The Jews claimed to have killed 20 Arabs. The convoys was forced to turn

back after the battle. The convoy has already lost two armoured cars, one lorry and a tractor, the police headquarters an-

nounced tony. mines and road blocks at the village | covery programme.

of Hulda. The vehicles left were some road blocks.

last night's attack.

The Arabs claimed 60 men of the that today's decision, following the Hoganah guards have been killed, though the Jewish Agency maintain- Truman's opposition to Spain's in-

### DWINDLING FOOD STOCKS

Mennwhile, officials of the Palestine Government have been in touch with Arab leaders in an attempt to-Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—Searchlights negotiate methods by which food Jews in Jerusalem are hoarding

breadshops because of dwindling

A mortar bomb exploded near the-Tor village and Jews in the Yemen Moshe quarter of Jerusalem renewed flercely at midnight.-Associated of their daily gun battle.—Router.

# ERP Aid For Spain After All

Washington, Apr. 1.-Spain has been eliminated from the European recovery programme by the joint House and Senate Conference, now sitting on the final aid legislation.

Earlier in the day, the Presidential Press Secretary, Mr Charles Ross, said President Truman "is utterly opposed" to the inclusion of Spain in the ERP. He said the President wished the Spain clause, inserted by the House, to be stricken out from the draft legislation at the Sonate-House Conference.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced the decision to eliminate Spain from the European aid programme an hour after the announcement by Mr Ross of the President's opposition.

#### DECISION REVERSED

The admission of Spain was approved in the House of Representatives by 149 votes to 52 on Tuesday

After the joint House-Senate Conference, Senator Vandenberg said: "The conference agreed to eliminate Spain because the bill, as originally drawn up, leaves membership in the organisation of the participating nations open to any other additional nations which may be invited by the presently parting cipating nations.

"Therefore, the conferces feel that decision respecting Spain is the function and prerogative of the .. 16 participating nations which have elicady argunised themselves into a co-operating unit under the recovery

Senator Vandenberg said no other substantial progress was made this morning in ironing out the differences between the House and Senato versions of the European aid bill. "It would be pretty optimistic to say we shall finish by tonight," he declared.-Reuter.

### LONDON PLEASED

London, Apr. 1.-British official quarters tonight warmly welcomed the decision of the United States Congressional conference that Spain The convoy was held up by Arab be excluded from the European re-

Yesterday's decision by the House apparently wrecked and burned out of Representatives had created conwhen they tried to smash through siderable misgivings in London polltight quarters. It had been feared that it: would cause serious mis-Another report said the Arabs had understandings among member nacaptured six armoured lorries during tions of the European recovery pro-

A Foreign Office spokesman stated earlier expression of President ed there had been no fatal cosumlites. clusion, coincided with the British

> The implications of the earlier House of Representatives vote were under serious discussion at the Foreign Office today.—Reuter.

### DISASTROUS FIRE

Sydney, April 1.—A disastrous fire in Sydney tonight destroyed raw cotton estimated to be worth

The cotton was stored in an iron building. The fire started early in the evening and was still burning.

# British Chief of Staff, protested to motor vehicles and been requisition and sugainst the detention of tioned for the "Western frontler's this afternoon and made off with protection" in the Toltow districts, by the British trains and was reported to protection" in the Toltow districts, valuable equipment including valuable equipment including Aggression

Madison, Wisconsin, Apr. 1.- "Once more we shall prefer to die Norway is determined to stand on our feet rather than to live on All frontier posts are strongly Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—Nearly 2,000 up against any future aggres- our knees," the Ambassador said. manned and villages not previously Arabs, Jews and Britons have been sor, "from wherever he might he told his listeners, "are longing Soviet troop detachments, according Nations resolution on partition last come", the Norwegian Ambassa- desperately for real peace. All our to Germans who have succeeded in November touched off fresh Arab- dor, M. Wilhelm Munthe de common ideals for the wellbeing Jowish strife, official figures disclosed Morgenstierne, declared here and happiness of the common man last night.

> The Ambassador was addressing a He named no possible aggressor

viction that the overwhelming Norway lives in understanding majority of the Norweigan people and friendship with all nations, and

are bound up with that longing.

"But, unfortunately, it is not enough to keep repeating 'Peace-it giving in on every point until one is stripped of everything, except peace

forward to the Budget debate port problem since the movement must produce new-type passes ter of Jerusalem, made a second at tempt by "foreign or domestic that the Norwegian people will reof whole armies during wartime, bearing their photographs, tempt today to burst through Arab enemies" to destroy its freedom and main true to themselves and their

# Princess

Reuter learns.—Reuter.

Tuesday morning, May 18, probably returning by air.—Reuter.

They\_will\_stay\_at\_the British\_Eml sion of British trains was a "tem-

# Paris Visit For

London, Apr. 1.—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Paris on May 14 at the invitation of the President of the French Republic, it was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

bassy and will open the exhibition | porary measure for the new few of eight centuries of British life in | days." Aircraft and buses will be

They will remain in Paris until tween the British Zone and Berlin.

## EDITORIAL

#### Active DARLIAMENT is in recess until

April 6, when, on reassembling, it will listen to Sir Stafford Cripps' first budget. It has already been disclosed that the revenue for the past year far exceeded expectations and that the Treasury possesses the remarkable surplus of more than £600 million. In the ordinary course of events the British taxpayer could look forward to some taxation relief, but Sir Stafford needs all that surplus and much more to help the country, turn the economic corner. It is conceivable that the Chancellor may be able to offer one or two slight concessions in the way of reduced indirect taxation-perhaps a little off beer and tobacco, but it seems unlikely that there will be any substantial reductions in Government's call on the taxpayers' purse. Speculation on this subject, however, is rather fruitless, and it may be somewhat more pertinent to study Parliament's work up to the present stage of this session. So far 52 Bills have been introduced, and about half of them are already law. The more important of the Acts passed are those giving independence to Burma and Ceylon and amending the constitution of New Zealand which removes the last vestige of control by Parliament at Westminster - the Dominion is now free to alter her constitution as she wishes. Another important measure is the Overseas Resources Development Act which enables the Government to undertake big works of food growing and other development both inside and outside the British Commonwealth. Hongkong qualifies for inclusion but as jet no hint has been given whether or not it is intended to apply the Act to this part of the Empire. Other Bills of consiltutional importance are that of end-

## Parliament

ing British responsibility for Palestine and two of special The Parliament Bill to diminish and Conservative parties its course through the Lords, where it would have been defeated, has been interrupted. Conferences are being held and the outcome is likely to be some agreement for a comprehensive reform of the powers and constitution of the Upper House. The Representation of the People's Bill is intended to alter the membership of the House of Commons. Two special kinds of vote - held by university graduates and by the occupiers of business premises — are to be abolished and in the reorganisation of constituencies the City of London is to lose its peculiar representation. But while it seeks to restrict its powers, the Government yet makes very full use of the House of Lords. Eleven Bills. so far this session have begun their course through Parliament in the Lords, including one amend the law affecting companies, and the Children Bill which will extend greatly the care of the State for children who do not have normal home life. One measure of nationalisationthat for the gas industry-is on its way through Parliament, and while, the Government has so far given no hint of any intention to drop the idea of littroducing in this session its Bill to nationalise . the iron and steel industry, it rewith some confidence.

It was announced that the suspen-

used to take British personnel be-

The Americans took similar action

carlier in the day. They have

Britain tonight followed the Unit-- switched to air transport in and out | Trains, piled up at the British- call a special session and inform the ed States action in cancelling all of the capital.

during the night. in and out of Berlin to air transport came on the heels of new Soviet restrictions, imposed at midnight, which brought rail communications with the Western zones to a stand-

The Americans cancelled all military trains in and out of the capital. concern to Westminster itself. In Berlin Itself, the Soviet military police, armed with tommy guns, the powers of the House of Lords | took up position at new check points | is through the Commons, but by where the main roads cross the bor-

Russian zonal border station of Assembly certain obligations in the military trains in and out of Berlin | Major-General Neville Brownjohn, Helmstedt, as two British military enforcement of partition could not after the sudden imposition by the the British, Deputy Military Govern- trains-one entering and one leaving be carried out.-Reuter, Russians of new travel restrictions nor, is later tonight calling, on the Russian Zone-were held up at between the capital and the Western Lieutenant-General Luyantschenko, Marienborn, six miles east of the the Soviet Chief of Staff, after a day line, by the new Soviet restrictions. of holdups of the Western occupation | On the Autobahn—the road route only if Haganah, the powerful Jewish powers' rail and road services fol- forming the land corridor to Berlin defence force and similar organisalowing the Soviet order tightening up from the West-the Russians set up tions are dissolved and a Democratic control of frontier and zonal traffic. two new check points, at one of General Brownjohn is asking for which, near Hamelin · Bridge, faran explanation of the Soviet action capped Russian troops, armed with in stopping British military trains at tommy guns and automatic weapons, the Anglo-Soviet zonal frontier stood by while officers inspected the travelling documents of British, French and American drivers.

The switching of American travel German traffic along the Autobahn Pasha told the Associated Press in -called the "Road of Fear" by farmers living nearby—dropped almost nothing today, a Berlin police officer said.

A number of British and Control Commission officials, travelling from Berlin to the British Zone by car, returned to the British military police post on the outskirts of Berlin when the Russians at this spot objected that their papers did -Associated Press.

not enrry today's date. Armed with new travel papers, agreement between the Labour | der between the Soviet and Western | they returned to the check point and were then allowed to pass.

## BRITISH SUBMIT PROTEST

SUSPENDS TRAINS

Brian Robertson, General Lucius D. in Europe, Brigadier General J. F. at the British Control Commission plans for an "air bridge." headquarters here to review the problem caused by the Soviet -tightening of control.

authorities to discuss the position after two British trains, together with two American trains, had been Only one Allied train had been

allowed through since midnight, it was authoritatively learned. The British trains, held up there. were shunted on to sidelines to make way for a buffer car-equipped with shortwave radio - sent from Helmstedt to provide food for their passengera

.. While no immediate details of the "air passages" scheme were nvailable, its adoption and the cancellaa major step in American policy to mains a question whether it will. | keep the communications open in in fact, judge the time ripe for so splite of the new Soviet regulations.

The Military Governors of the anything," the chief operations offithree Western Zones, General Sir | cer of the American Army Air Force Clay and General Pierre Koenig, met Blaine, said as officers discussed Significant of the tightening of

the restrictions along the zonal border was a report in an American-Major-General Brownjohn, the licensed Berlin newspaper that 350 British Chief of Staff, protested to motor vehicles had been requisi- tion in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter (Soviet Zone) Government. All along the Anglo-Russian reported.

zonal border, Soviet control has been stopped by Soviet guards at the strongly tightened, although the heavily protected security zone.— Russian control post of Marienborn. border has not been completely Associated Press.

> crossing into the British Zone. Meanwhile, an unusual situation today. prose with regard to the Braunschwelgische Kohlen-Bergwerke conlmines, just outside Helmstedt.

Zone and partly in the Soviet tion of American trains would make Zone, they were immediately affected by the new Soviet restriction. About 1,600 of the mines 7,000

Situated partly in the British

CONVOY AMBUSHED German workers who have to pass Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—Nine Jews would rather perish than submit to we expect and wish with all our considerable a measure. What- If the supply of food for the Ger- through the Russian Zone on their were killed and 17 wounded when a terror and slavery imposed by anti- heart to continue to do so. ever its decision, Government can man population of the American way to work were stopped at the large Lewish food convoy, trying to democratic forces." point to a session of marked sector of Berlin became involved it Russian check point and warned fight its way through the Arab Norway would fight with every- possible chance should ever change, legislative activity and can look | would present the greatest air trans- that by tomorrow afternoon they blockade to relieve the Jewish quar- thing it possessed against any at- which God forbid, I can assure you

TO-'DAY' AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M. 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

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THOMAS GOMEZ - SPRING BYINGTON

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The Long awaited newsreel of Trumon's Speech in Congress to stop

Russia. United Nations investigating Soviet seizure of Czecho-

Slovakia. Communists stage pompous funeral for Jan Masaryk!!! Hundreds of U.S. Tanks and arucks shipped, to Turkey. Irish of

New York parade on sunny St. "strick's Tray. Grand 'National

Steeplechase in England, 43 started, 14 finished. St. Louis beats

COMMENCING TO-DAY: 2.30-5.15-7.20-9.20 P.M.

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100 Years...ON THE SCREEN AT LAST!

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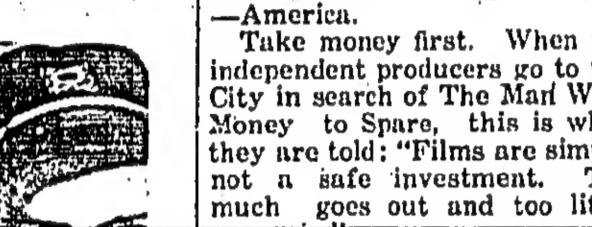
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TO-DAY

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N.Y.U. for invitation basketball title.

At 2.30, 5.15,



list three:--

Examples: £500,000 for "Henry OUT in the Middle West it is worse. V.": £600,000 for "An Ideal Hus- U To audiences there even the band," and another £600,000 for British accents are slow and unintelligible. I am told that when "Pic-

"Anna Karenina." tion. The idea in those days was Michael Wilding's speaking voice that if you spent enough money the will be "dubbed" so that he sounds picture was bound to be good. And like an American, that it would have a world market, There has been a great push to with the emphasis on America and its dollar store. It didn't quite work Americans. Cinema managers and out that way.

## Lost time

money but often defeats itself as These days you find that the sure well. "Life and Death of Colonel technique to make a film producer Blimp" was at one time advertised uncomfortable is to start asking by posters showing an old man leerquestions about the time he spends ing at a young girl. The audience making his pictures. . attracted by that kind of appeal was

"Men of Two Worlds," which is stayed away, "Colonel Blimp" ended

# This story should have brightened a

by DAVID LEWIN

being re-issued in an attempt-

of four months -to complete.

get back some of Its £600,000 cost,

An English film takes an average

Talk to David Niven if you need

an example of what I mean. He is

back in Hollywood waiting to start

But his English colour picture,

We can do much better. Sydney

Wilcox directed "Spring in Park

Lost chances

IN stand the market where the blg

money is-both here and in America?

cost of living finds new uses for our

that every effort would be made to

magnetise people to the pay-box by

It does not seem so. Michael

Balcon put it to me this way: "We

Ealing Studios—but as for sparkling

I dure say Margaret Lockwood

echoes that view. Tired of being

"a heavy" since "The Wicked Lady,"

she has had to wait three months for

Only Herbert Wilcox came near to

"Courtneys of Curzon Street," with

Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding,

When British pictures fail at home

they do not stand a much better

"Henry V." and "Great Expecta-

tions!' did well in the big city

cinemas where they were shown.

But many of the films we send out

get a good run in what are termed

the "art houses." "Tawny Pipit."

sell unknown. British stars to the

distributing companies who have

helped there say the results have

been "spotty." A British picture

may do well in one city and then

Advertising not only eats up the

"fall on its face" in the next.

chance in America.

seem quite good at pub scenes at

comedy—we just seem to miss it."

films of irresistible entertainment

At a time when the steepening

Lane" in eight weeks.

HE British film producer's grim remark at lunch was symptomatic: "I don't know whether I can afford to join both 'Ciros' and 'Les Ambassadeurs," he said. So Hollywood is apparently not the only place where the

champagne has gone a little flat. Film people will usually tell you practically anything about their pictures. But yesterdaywhen the "shining prospects" of our film .industry might have provided an antidote to the grim news from Cripps-I learned:- was on location in Africa for ten THAT seven of our smaller

studios capable of making 20 films a year are closed; THAT Denham and Pinewood, that time. the largest studios, which can make between them six or seven films at a time, are only

work on his next American film. working on four; THAT, 300 to 400 film techni- "Bonnie Prince. Charlie," is still cions-30 per cent. of the logging along here. This week it celebrated six months in a studio. total number on feature films By the time the unit has made its -are out of work;

second trip to Scotland in the sum-THAT many of our pictures mer over a year will have passed. take un to six months to Box. completed "Easy Money" in make. seven weeks for £100,000. Herbert

#### One-two-three

PRITISH studios should be able to make 100 first features a year. The producers say that NEXT - Point 3; Do we underthis year they hope to turn out 75—but the most optimistic forecast of the showmen is that at the very best we shall get 40 'spare shillings,' you would imagine

to 45 first features. Now what are the factors holding up our films? I would value.

Lack of money;

2. Waste of time; 3. Misunderstanding of the market where the big money is

Take money first. When the independent producers go to the a part with a laugh in it. City in search of The Man With Money to Spare, this is what the mood of the mass audience. His they are told: "Films are simply not a safe investment. Too was last year's box-office success. much goes out and too little

comes in." Until Mr Rank announced his £2,000,000 loss few people had realised exactly how bad, things But most people in the industry had had the uneasy feeling that one day the relentlessness of mathematics would catch up on them. It was simply that most of for example, ran for 12 weeks in our pictures were costing more to New York, but in a cinema the size make than the £200,000 they can of the London Academy. take back at the cinemas in this

Prestige was always the explana- cadilly Incident" is shown there

NOW take a look at the second in cause for the hold-up - waste

of time in the studios, "Anna Karenina" was six months bored: the audience which might

in production. So was "Hamlet." have appreciated the film simply

its American run in the red. We paid out more than it had taken at the box office. No one knows precisely how many dollars have come back to Bri-

America. Mr Rank has some of the figures. They remain his secret. An American film chief has said that the most a British film can earn is about £100,000 after costs have been paid. I do not suppose that one film has carned this much in dollars as for as Britain is concerned. Earnings in the U.S. have a habit of being completely absorbed in such costs as advertising and ex-

tain from the showing of our films in

It all makes sad reading.

The headline on this story was written because everyone agrees that now is Britain's great opportunity in films-a, chance at least to lift America they can make two films in our spirits with brisk entertainment. The chance is being muffed.



'Wot makes you think we ain't doctors hurrying to an urgent

#### MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION OF THE YEAR

THE first days of the already voting such as the following:

- The cold war elections.
- 2. The United States foreign campaign. policy elections.
- trol of the Mediterranean.
- tions.
- or vice versa.
- 6. The Cominform test. 7. The world's most impor-
- tant elections in 1948. Italy's' Iron
- choice. 9. American Democracy ver--sus-Russian-Democracy-

The "last chance" elections.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER

These 10 descriptions, in A fierce Italian electoral various phrasing, emerged from campaign developed phrases the first few million words of describing the April 18 national political oratory and mud-slinging which began in earnest with the formal announcement of the opening of the electoral

At this writing, between 3. The elections for the con- 20,000,000 and 25,000,000 Italians are expected to vote for. The Marshall Plan elec- a new, two-house parliament. There will be about 10 major lists of candidates, although 5. Communism's showdown more than 60 parties have with the Catholic Church, already filed emblems giving them the right to file slates of candidates.

> By far the biggest contes-Curtain tants will be the moderate rightist Christian Democratsthe Catholic party which controls the government—and the "Popular Democratic Bloc," which includes the Communists and left wing Socialists.

#### 1946 POLLING

AT the last national elections in A 1946, the Christian Democrats power through the Italian voting. polled approximately 8,000,000 of the 22,000,000 total, and the Communists and Socialists together polled just over 8,000,000. The Communists are Italian peninsula, with excellent believed to have increased their ports and airfields, slashes in a strength considerably in the mean- strategic diagonal across the middle time, but the Socialists have split and a minority wing has denounced Communism and will run indepen- it. The first prediction of the outcome

Predictions of their own certain papers.

victory by the major Italian contenders have been equally vociferous, indicating a pretty even battle.

the campaign indicate that there will ing in the battle against the Combe few, if any, holds barred in the munists through. Catholic newselectoral battle.

The main issues of the campaign are embodied in the foregoing 10 descriptions of how the elections look to all parties involved.

### AMERICA'S POLICY

TIME "cold war" label came from the fact that both the United the new comet is Encke's, because its States and Russia are almost directly force is diminishing in proportion to represented by the main contestants; MIO gentleman's library is complete the inverse square of its distance the Christian Democrat government without the "List of Hunting- from the moon. Moreover its party, which the United States openis ly supports, and the Italian Com-CO runs the Catalan song of work on this subject. Of this work apparently in inverse proportion munist Party, which speaks for the the most important anywhere during

> United States foreign policy is so directly involved that American Em- fall under the "Iron Curtain Choice" bassy officials, close to the battle in and American versus Russian type of Italy, believe the Italian election democracy, because the Italian Comoutcome is more impotant to the munists have openly announced United States than whether a Democrat or a Republican wins the elections at home. To implement its policy, the United

States has kept material aid flowing That when Noah disembarked he to Italy (the total is now almost \$2,- To underline the importance of the 500,000,000), has kept its naval ves- voting, non-Communists are telling sels in Italian ports and has added their audiences it is "the last chance (In a letter to the Journal of the Marines to the ships. Russia has con- election." They mean that if the Marines.

Italy is in the throes of an all-absorbing electoral campaign. Most of the news from Italy-and a. lot of it from Washington and Moscow-will be coloured by, or have a bearing on, the Italian elections between now and the voting date, April 18. Here is the first overall look at these impending elections, written by the United Press Manager for Italy.

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Control of the Mediterranean is involved, because the 10,000 Anglo-American troops at Trieste, the en--tire-Anglo-American-effort-in-Greece, the American reactivation of the Mellaha air base at Tripoli and the United States fleet with Marines in Italian and Greek waters, would all be nullified or become impossible through .Communist assumption . of

The .reason is geographical: the of the Mediterranean and dominates

### CHURCH STAND

of the election from outside Italy THE Catholic Church, with its came\_in\_a\_recent\_London\_Times\_\_ world headquarters in Rome's editorial projecting the possibility of Vatican City, demonstrated its vital a victory by the Social Communist concern in the elections by openly joining in the battle against the Communists through Catholic news-

The Catholic Church, with its world headquarters in Rome's Vati-Five dead in a political gun fight can City, demonstrated its vital conin the south during the first week of cern in the elections by openly join-

> The Cominform came in for mention because the non-Communists charged that it was directing Communist strategy in the first big national elections in a member country since it was formed.

> These issues of the cold war, United States foreign policy, the Mediterranean, the Marshall Plan, the Catholic Church and the Cominform naturally have led political orators to see the Italian elections as

> the coming year. The more specifically Italian issues their intention of reforming drastically Italy's political economy along the lines of the so-called "Eastern Progressive Democracies"

Russin's wing. when they are in control.

# Beachcomber

En una freda montanya

Del terme de Odello. En la terre de Cerdanya, Als confins del Rossello....

them from above Font-Romeu, I was transported in a flash of not of general or very wide interest, Was it waterproof? time to the old stones of Eyne this book can be confidently recomd'Aze.

I heard the running water in that wild gully above the trees and saw the mist wreathing up and the early "Kainarja ul Tarihi" says, "Factual sunlight on the snow. My staff Durendal was in my hand, and my bota was full of rough red Strabismus on the comet I was only staring at a picture.

**NANCY** 

7.20 & 9.20 p.m.

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Give her this

donshire Cabmen," the standard parabola, or elongated ellipse, the P.E.N. Club said, "Since there to its hyperbola. It this is so its Soviet Union. the Cerdagne, and when the are only a certain number of cabmen perihelion passage may be dated other day I saw in a shop win- in the county, and their names November 16, 1876, which is the dow a picture of the mountains are easily procurable, it is safe to very date on which Encke's comet which guard Nuria, as you see assume that this will be the last was seen from Mount Bobawaba by word on the subject until new St. Clair Weston and Dr. Glass. cabmen are appointed. Though and the high cleft of Cambras mended to all foreigners whose aim is to keep in touch with the names and initials of the cabmen of this most English of our counties." A review in the Turkish paper

rather than diverting." at a penny a bucketful. DR. STRABISMUS, (Whom God the gnelss deposits, the first wicker- protested against the visits of United chance because Communists do not

"Vive le Western Bloc!

Vive los spivs anglais!

You wanta da pounds? 1

get 'em for you wholesale !"

The latest research has established, From remains found on Mount was wearing

A little round wickerwork hat. Fossil Club, Professor Puffinger says: stantly objected to the material old Communists win, they (moderates, "We may have found, embedded in as imperialistic, and has specially and rightists) will never get another Preserve) of Utrecht told a work sou'wester." Gnelss work, if States ships and the sending of the believe in the same kind of elections. Press conference that, in his opinion, you can get it, Professor.)







And White-With Fury



SHE EVEN WASHED SOME OF YOUR THINGS FOR YOU







# COME This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS By LOIS LEEDS



Pozed by Claire Trevor for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds explains how not to have that Shiny Look! "DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

with white accessories or would a are not "grown up" yet. proper? What flowers and should

four friends afterwards-LILA B." Black isn't "right" for even the surface of the skin. Help! simplest wedding. Wear the Beige sull with the White accessories. This looks cool and pretty. Clip one White Orchid or a Gardenia on your lapel. And, of course, the Orchid or Gardenia is a gift from the Groom. Just tell him what you want!

"Dear Lois Leeds-My skin looks so shiny. It's quite clear but never looks well groomed. I use soap and water and hand lotion as a powder base.-NORA."

You may not be rinsing your skin properly. And hand lotion is not the best or most flattering base. cleansing with cream, and rinsing until your skin is soft and smooth, then put lightly with a skin lotion and use a foundation cream as a base for your makeup."

"Dear Lois Leeds-I am 16 years old and have a flat bust. Can I develop it by using anything? -ETHEL.



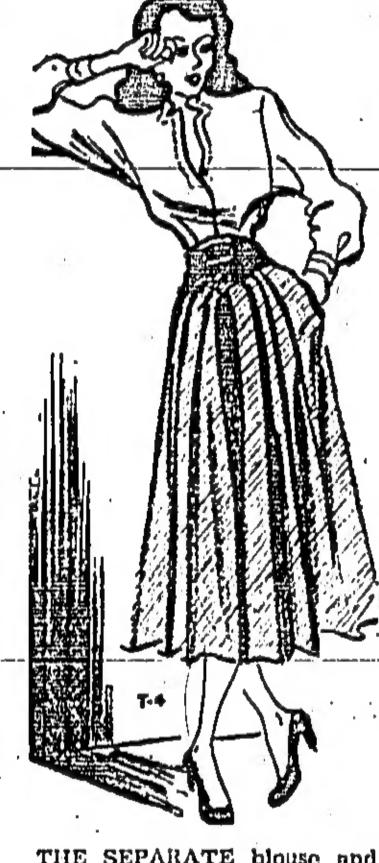
Use a cake makeup and preserve your makeup. Apply your makeup with a sponge. Dip the sponge in skin fresnener for a smoother finish. And just remember that modern science adds innolin to all cake makeup so that it will not dry your

No creams or lottons will have "Dear Lois Leeds—I am to be exercises or actual swimming and married in late July. Would it be other outdoor sports. You will very proper to wear a black moire suit probably develop naturally as you

12:30 P. M., junch at a hotel with is smooth and almost pretty and bumpy under the 500,000 tons a month.

You have probably neglected your throat. Use the same care for your throat as you do for your face.

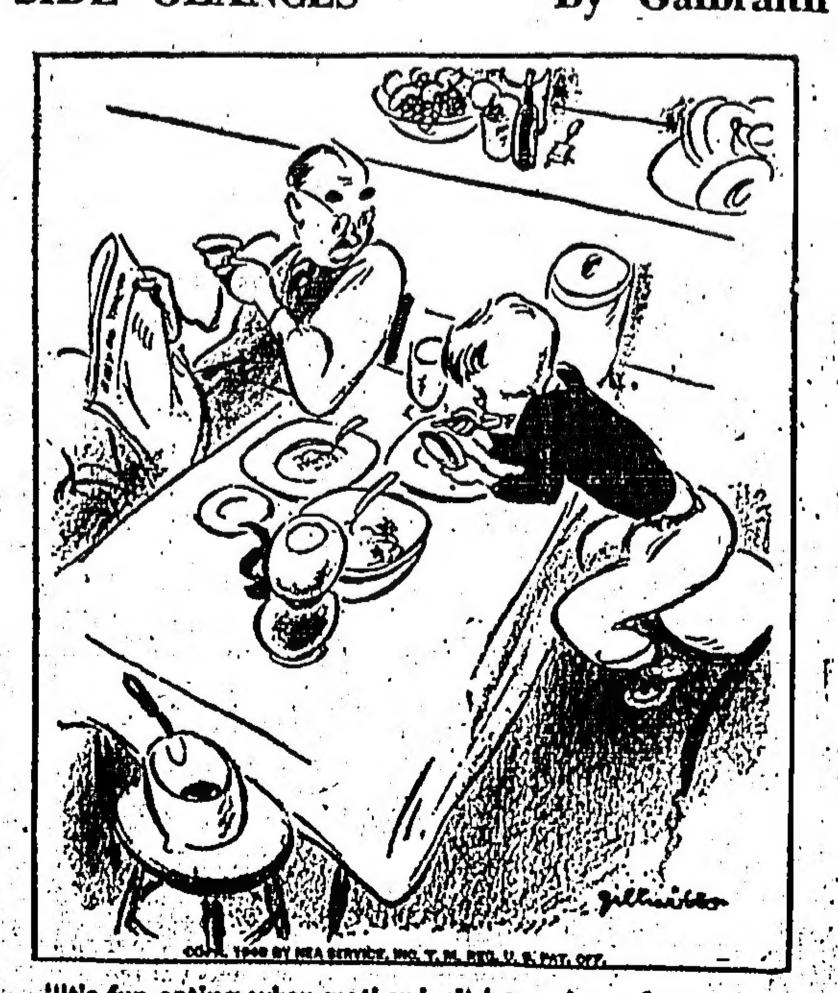
## Two Piece Triumph



THE SEPARATE blouse and skirt costume is scoring a success at resorts in America. White crepe is used for the blouse of this two-piece resort costume. It has hand-stitched detail at the casual open neck which, like so many of the new necklines, takes a deep plunge. The skirt of gray crepe has unpressed pleats all around and slit pockets at the hips. The girdle that swathes the waist is of brilliant blue and bright red and hooks in back.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It's fun eating when mother isn't here-I can forget the rules and lean my elbows on the table like you do!"

# Chinese To Develop Hunan Resources

With Manchuria as good as lost to the .Communists, the Chinese Government has completed preparations for the development of the southern province of Hunan—the scene of many historic battles against the Japanese during the eight-year war of resistance—as a new supply house for China.

Large-scale rehabilitation and exploitation projects are expected to get under way shortly ROAD SENSE in the province—which has an area almost double the size of the British Isles-under an ambitious scheme drafted by the National Resources Commission, reports Reuter.

Some of these will probably get under way as soon as the numerous experts sent to Hunan recently by the Commission have completed their survey of the province's mineral reserve and made their report.

For years known as the "rice bowl" of China, Hunan is noted for its immense underground wealth.

The coal reserve of the province, for instance, is estimated at 1,270,-000,000,000 tons. However, because of the lack of electric equipmentdestroyed during the Sino-Japanese ? fighting-the present output by antiquated mining methods, amounts to only 32,000 tons a month.

With the aid of the National "Dear Lois Leeds- My face skin Resources Commission, this figure l carry them? Wedding at about "Dear Lois Leeas- My race sain | 12:30 P. M. limes at a botal with is smooth and almost pretty but my is expected to be raised to over

Other minerals in Hunan that will be exploited by the Commission include aluminium, zinc, antimony and tungsten.

#### Commercial Harbour

The projected construction Chenglingki harbour, on the Yangtse | war. river, is the main feature of the long-term reconstruction programme mapped out by the Commission.

The future role marked out for Chenglingki is a trans-shipment centre for cargoes from the thriving Yangtse basin- to Canton, where they can be exported abroad. ill-perhaps years hence-he found Transportation by the Canton-time for the necessary concentra-Hankow Railway to Canton would tion to accomplish communication shorten the ordinary export route- between the two peoples. via Hankow and Shanghal-by Mr Charmers is proprietor of almost half, thereby saving time and "Sunrise," which he describes as a transportation charges.

Another project in view is the directory. construction of a railway linking Hunnn and Kwelchow provinces, for which an estimated US\$10,000,000 worth of railway equipment will have to be purchased abroad.

Experts believe that there are ed particularly favourable opportusome 400,000,000 tons of coal de- nities for communication because the jack. posits along the proposed railway planet was close to the earth.
route, completion of which would, While other people were expecting shortage in areas south of Yangise river.

A large irrigation system is also to be built, to serve an area of 115,000 'acres — the agricultural centre of the province, whose yield is to be stepped up by some 70,000 tons a year.

## New Power Plants

Oversens Chinese are expected to invest in the construction of new power plants to supply electricity to the entire province. As a start, approximately US\$14,000,000 will be needed, some of which will be met by government subsidies.

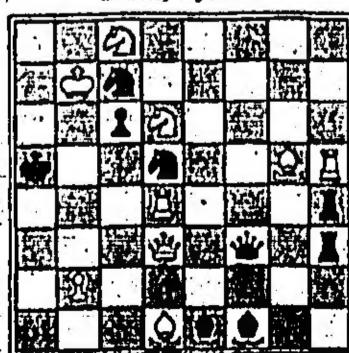
Hunan, like most other provinces in China today, is in financial difficulties because of inflation and lack of commerce due to the civil war. The provincial government is at present relying mainly on the pig tax, which provided 65 percent of its entire revenue last year.

The financial stringency has had a serious effect on the provincial authorities' plans to modernise the province. For instance, a plan to set up 20 central primary schools delight, galvanie and riotous." has been pigeon-holed for lack of

Instead, whatever litle money that could be spared has been invested in fortifications against the day when the Reds should made good their threat to cross the Yangtse and ravage provinces south of this great waterway. In the provincial capital of Changsha, more than 20 blockhouses. with four-inch cement walls, line the eastern outskirts. The entire defence system for the city includes 100 blockhouses and three large barracks.

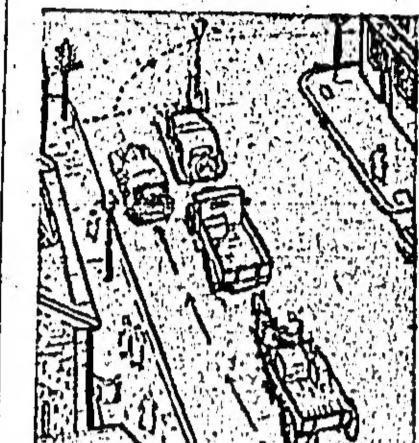
### CHESS PROBLEM

By J. J. RIETVELD (BCF Tourney 54) Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: I, Kt(K4) XP, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt

(ch. or dis ch) mates:



Drivers who intend to turn right or left should choose the correct traffic lane. This one did not.

## HIS LUNCH HOUR TRIP TO MARS

A Sydney man, who claimed that he had established telepathic communication with Mars, said the Martians had of found the secret of abolishing

The man, Mr Eric Charmers, o Great North Road, Abbotsford, said he hoped one day to give proof of the civilisation on Mars by relaying telepathetic messages from the planet to people on earth.

But he acknowledged that he probably would not be believed unquarterly newspaper tourists resort

#### Message In Code

He said that he first discovered life on Mars in 1924, a year which offer-

therefore, greatly facilitate mining, the Martians to send radio messages. development to relieve. the coal he anticipated that they would use more modern methods such as mental telepathy. He said his assumption proved

correct. When he was eating lunch he received a mental message in a code consisting of dots and tiny curves. like chains, which kept tapping, on his mind. "Suddenly I was provided with key to the code in the form of a vision of life on 'Mars," Mr

Charmers added. "I saw men flying around in cigarshaped machines which were propelled by a suction principle.

## Montal Telepathy

"The Martians had dispensed with language, and communicated with each other by mental telepathy. ."I even saw a monkey controlled by mental telepathy.

"The landscape was artificially coloured to make it more pleasing to the eye.

"My most vivid impression of the vision was that the Martians wanted to share with us their secret of abolishing war. "Because they had no wars, life for them was a whirlwind of sheer

### Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the breed of dog that is noted for its very short legs.

2. Who baptised Jesus?

3. Locate Botany Bay.

4. How many patents are credited to Thomas Alva Edison?

5. What discovery by Galileo proved that the sun revolved? . 6. Who invented printing with moveable type? (Answers on Page 4)

WELL, THERE IT 15 - WHAT DO YOU THAT ALL IT THINK OF OCEAN :

# McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Analyse Opponent's Hand From Bidding

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

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TODAY'S Lesson Hand was taken from the national women's team-of-four championship played recently in Atlantic City, N. J.

Both teams found the squeeze play in today's hand, which brings out the importance of analysing the players' holdings from the bidding. East's vulnerable overcall of one spade marked her with some high cards. While the contract was for only four, bear, in mind that in tournament play the maximum tricks must\_be\_taken.

Both declarers decided that East undoubtedly held the acc of diamonds, and if she also 'held the king of clubs a squeeze play could be employed.

They won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned the ten of spades, East winning with the

The burden of responsibility was now on East. If she returned spade, a shiff and a ruff would follow. If she cashed the diamond ace, it would set up the king, while the lead of a small club would be right up to declarer's jack.

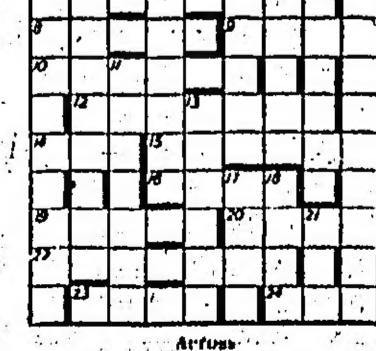
East made the smart return of the eight of hearts. Now declarer ran all of the hearts. On the last heart dummy was down to the blank king of diamonds and the acc-queen-three of clubs.

East naturally could not let go the ace of diamonds, so she discarded the four of clubs and declarer discarded dummy's king of diamonds. Then a small club was led to the queen and, the finesse taken, the ace dropped the king and jack of clubs won the last trick. Thus a nice squeeze play developed by marking East with the missing high cards.

### Rupert helps Dr. Lion-1



. Mrs. Bear has not been very well. so Rupert and his father have bustled around and brought her breaktast in bed, and the little bear watches to see how she enjoys it. "Daddy says he would be happier it Dr. Lion came to see you," he says. "so I'm going to ask him to call." Mrs. Bear looks up. "What nonsense!" she says. "I'll be much better tomorrow." But Rupert notices how husky her voice is, and with a smile he soes down to not with a smile he goes down to put on his scarf and overcoat. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



Bang a tee to renounce. (8)

The rejest horseman. (6)

Commonplace. (81)

12. Not three depressions, but three pointed. (7) 14. Pasten. (3) 15. Required. (6) 16. Plucky. (4) 19. Corrupting influence. (6) 20. Necessary to bakers. (4) 22. Let off. (7) 23. Equal. (4) 24. A penny short of want. (3) Turn about (5, 4)
Looks as though Bill East made this. (8)
Lis this the place for convalogment homes 7 (6) 4. Assent. (5)
Drift (8) 6. A reset feast. (6)
Lis this or jam nowadays. (7)
Lits this or jam nowadays. (8)

Extend. 431 Holution of verterday a purale.—Aereasit. Harbarian; i), Libel: 11 Once; 14, Amenable: 13 Ofer: 14, Reed: 10, Reel: 17, Mitre: 18 Heir: 20 Ear; 22, Bevanus: 23, Ill; 24, Tweed: 25 Lemparade Dewn: 1, Disckmall: 2, Almiesa; 1, Disckmall: 2, Almiesa; 1, Denfloet: 4, Alarmists: 0, Robe; 0, Itile; 7, Ace; 2 Herva: 10, Hee; 15, Draped); 10, Alaim: 19, Raw; 20 Ewe; 21 Ridge. th recent years has become asso-ciated with smash. (4)



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### VAMPIRE IN SINGAPORE

Robert PRESTON in

Hundreds of Chinese, Malays and Indians saw their first Vampire jet fighter recently. It was one of the Mark 3 models now undergoing tests in Singapore to determine how per-formance is affected by tropical conditions.

It was demonstrated at an acrodrome near · Singapore by Flight Lieutenant J. W. Wilson of Pulborough, Sussox, and the Royal Air. display of high-speed nerobatics hold the cosmopolitan audience spell-

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# WALLACE

New York, Apr. 1-Nearly 500 pickets belonging to veterans' organisations attempted vainly to break up a meeting at which the third party presidential candidate, Henry Wallace, denounced the American threat to cut off aid to Italy if that nation goes Communist.

Pickets screaming "Down with Wallace, Shoot the Communists. Down with the Volga Boatman," pounded the heavy doors but were unable to get, in the Brooklyn school building where Wallace was speak-

Wallace said the United States plan to cut off aid to Italy If the Communists win the April 18 elections was "ruthless coercion," and said the policy would breed civil war in Italy,--- United. Press.

## BAO DAI'S **AUTHORITY** IN DOUBT

ing in its current issue on the Jewish deportation decrees. efforts, both on the political and situation in Holland.

"repulsed heavy attacks during Jan- November unry and February" and followed treacherous acts." attacks on French convoys, the paper |- Reuter. added: "The French political efforts to use the ex-Emperor Bao Dai have been equally unsuccessful.

"No French offer, however attractive, could be guaranteed, since. the French did not control events in Indo-China, and, on the other hand, no promise on Bao Dal's part could be guaranteed since he had no real following in his country." The President of the Vietnam

Republican Government, Dr Ho people, the New Statesman said. "Bao Dai therefore seems to have decided on a new line of action. He is challenging Ho Chl-minh on the throne in March, 1945.

"He claims to be in full possession | of his rights as Emperor, and at the accordingly been expected. its head. This is playboy politics.

recognised, namely, that Dr Ho Chi- 000 in January. minh is today the only effective; guarantor of any agreement"-Reuter.

## Russians See Spies Around

Berlin, Apr. 1.-Colonel Sergei Tulpanov, the Soviet Information Control Chief, told a German. audience at Halle, in the Soviet zone, tonight: "Masses of spies from the British and American zones are moving into Berlin and from there to the Soviet zone for military, economic and political espionage. "This cannot go on merely because the frontier is not guarded

closely enough." can no longer tolerate the "plunder-Americans.—Reuter.

NOTICE

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### Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, to consider the annual statement ing hands at the first session. and the reports of the Directors closed at 75.80. and Auditors thereon, to elect ! place of those retiring, to declare steadily at 305.20 and 12.15 French United States AAF officers here toa dividend and bonus, to appro- The official rate for the Swiss franc Loss Account as recommended by one Swiss franc. Company.

AND NOTICE is also given textiles.—Associated Press. that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 30th March, 1948 to 3rd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, R. A. WICKERSON. Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1948;

# VERBANS V. National Assembly Can Check China's Downward Plunge

London, Apr. 1.—China's first National Assembly, which held its inaugural meeting on March 29, may "put a stop to the headlong deterioration which almost every aspect of China presents" if the Assembly can make full use of its opportunities, O. M. Green, former editor of the North China Daily News, wrote today in the monthly publication, Nineteenth Century.

## TRIAL OF HIMMLER'S DEPUTY

The Hague, Apr. 1—Hans tion adopted on Christmas Day, 1946, Albin Rauter, former chief of was "well designed" on paper. the Nazi security service in Holland and Himmler's personal won over to Communism by the WORLD SPORT representative, faced a special court here today, charged with estates and then allenated by the murdering Jews and shooting conscription of their young men for Dutch partisans.

accused him of responsibility for could give better conditions of life the deportation of 110,000 Dutch than Harbin promises." Jews, only 6,000 of whom returned after the war.

Dressed in his old SS uniform. from which the badges have been removed. Rauter admitted he had London, Apr. 1.—Comment- signed several of the notorious

the Vietnam Republican Gov- subordinate to Seyss-Inquart, the group of stale, ungenerous, implac-German . Commissioner . for the able men who take counsel only of ernment in Indo-China, the left Netherlands during the occupation, their own fears' and see in every wing weekly, New Statesman, but as Himmler's personal repre- offer from the other side only a plot Tandberg's American representation, in San Francisco, asking observed that "the French sentative, sent regular reports on the for their destruction.

The Austrian Legation today military field, continue their denied that Rauter possessed Austrian nationality, saying he was de-Recalling that the Vietnam forces prived of Austrian citizenship in are elements not devold of hopeful 1933, beenuse He escaped Kuomintang majority. up these victories by a series of justice by flight, the statement added.

# OF GOLD

London, Apr. 1.-Britain's gross sales of gold during power, and has the support of the This compares with £27,000,000 side his weight will be thrown." in February and £26,500,000 in January.

grounds of the failure of the Viet- also bought \$60,000,000 from the nam Army to keep the promise International Monetary Fund, which made to him when he obdicated the thas no counterpart in February or

January. Small gold sales in March had

"No move on either side can hope about £49,750,000 against £55,-

These figures are only a rough measure of the true drain, on Britain's resources. As they stand, their aggregate indicates that it will be very difficult to keep the drain during the first half of the year down to the Government's target of £222,-000,000.—Reuter.

## Chinese Must Leave

Canberra, Apr. 2.—The Australian they sent a delegation to their directimmediately, also stipulated that all vehicles carrying goods from Government has ordered 600 Chinese tors, who agreed to take up the the Soviet sector into other sectors to leave Australia by the end of the matter with the Soviet military re- of the city will have to be issued year. They are the last of nearly presentatives at Haldebzleben, near- with special passes signed by the 3,000 Chinese refugees who came to by: Colonel Tulpanov said the Russians | Australia during World War II.

They came from Hongkong, Singa- Reuters: "It is practically imposnorth of Australia. Most of them of the Russians by tomorrow after- today described the situation in are presently businessmen, case pro- noon. If they refuse to allow our Berlin as "serious", DENA, the Gerprietors, market gardeners and men to pass through the Russian man news service, reported.

Australia is deporting them to daily output of 19,000 tons of coal mulntain her white Australia policy. will be severely restricted." A Government spokesman said that; no concessions would be granted- tary train, which was held up by the not even to those who married Aus- Soviet frontier control at Helmstedt tralians while here.-Associated

### SWISS FRANC IN FREE MARKET

Paris, April 2.—France added the cially today. the 3rd April, 1948, at NOON for Swiss franc to her free money marthe following purposes, namely, ket on Thursday with 542,000 chang- night thought the transport planes The Swiss franc opened at 76 would be insufficient to supply the of accounts and the balance sheet, French francs for one Swiss and Berlin population in the American afternoon that no United States-lor-

The dollar and the Portuguese This was disclosed, according to searched or seized in the Soviet Directors and Auditors in the escudo quoted on the market closed DPD, at a meeting of leading sector of the city today.

printe the balance of Profit and remained at 49.70 French france for will go into service between Berlin | Murshal's Office stated.—Router. and Bucckeburg, in the British The free rate is for tourists and Zone, it was learned. the Directors, and to transact any for the purchase abroad of non- Seats for high-ranking personnel other ordinary business of the essential imports. The official rate will be allocated according is for the purchase of essential im- priority.

#### BOAC Fares Up London, Apr. 1 .- British Oversens

ports, such as coal, wheat and

Airways Corporation increased its trans-Atlantic fores today. . A one-way flight from London to New York costs £86-17-0 compared documents by the Russlans, when to abandon a border district near with the old fare of £80-15-0. Fares for the London-Montreal to £83-7-0.—Associated Press. ments of goods from the Soviet forces.—Router.

"If it merely becomes a rubber stamp for the ruling clique of the Kuomintang and the military, there appears nothing to save China from collapsing into a state of anarchy from which it might take her years, oven decades, to recover."

He commented that the constitu-

Green suggested that pensants, the Communist armies, could be won The indictment against Rauter back "if Nanking proved that it

He added that there was no other way to defeat Communism.

"China wants something now, War gnes on because, as/General Marshall pointed out when he left China after his long vain efforts for peace conflict between the French and He told the court that he was there, there is on either side a hard

agent may be able to unsent them. Yet, in the National Assembly there "of possibilities despite its enormous fight Bruce Woodcock in Eng-

#### Mon Of All Shades

"The Kuomintang is not all tarred BRITISHSALES with one brush. It contains men of all shades, many of them advanced Liberals, and it is probable that getting in."

> Green commented that, if events sociated Press. developed as he suggested, "those OILERS WIN LONDON TRIP

He said an open breach between

of China hoped the fresh loan being considered by Washington would not it."-Reuter.



"Dear, may I have an appendectomy?"

# West Indies Win Test By Ten Wicket Margin

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 1 .- West Indies beat England by 10 wickets in the fourth and final Test match here today, scoring 76 without the loss of a wicket in their second innings after England had been all out for 336 in their second innings,-Reuter.

OFFER TO TANDBERG

"China is sick of them. No single Swedish heavyweight champion is considering an offer from Promoter Jack Solomons to land this summer.—Associated

#### FRENCHMAN AND DANE TO MEET

Copenhagen, April 2.- Jean Stock, the French light heavyweight, will many members only sought election meet Denmark's Sven Christensen to the Assembly on Kuomintang in Copenhagen in a scheduled eight nomination as the best way of Valdemar Christiansen told the Associated Press on Thursday.--As-

March were announced by the who know Generalissimo Chiang New York, Apr. 1.—The Phillips Chi-minh, still holds the reins of Treasury tonight at £6,000,000. Kai-shek have no doubt on which Oilers, playing desperately, won the national Olympic basketball cham- by Union game scheduled was: Kentucky.

the Generalissimo and his old col- It was one of the most bitterly During March, however, Britain leagues was not to be expected, but, fought contests in the annals of if the tide of feeling in the National Madison Square Garden. A Assembly flows as one hopes it will, thoroughly thrilled crowd of 18,000 there is little doubt of Generalissimo sat limp at the end, too exhausted the Prevention of Cruel Sports re-

### A MATTER OF SHOES

same time puts forward the fantastic In each of the three months, be granted since it would only serve the Boston, Apr. 1.—China's hopes in claim that he has the right to form drawings on the United States loan to bolster up the military and the the annual April 19 Boston Marathon a Central Government with the former Prime Minister of Annam at former Pri the Canadian loan were \$15,000,000. The Chinese, he said, must find the aggregate for March was thus the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the Chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and "the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution the solution themselves, and the chen-ling did not the solution themselves, and the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves, and the solution themselves, and the chen-ling did not think he would be the solution themselves. more they are thrown on their own able to be at his best in the 26 miles to succeed until the central factor is | 750,000 in February and £55,250,- resources, the sooner they will find 385 yard race sponsored by the

This instruction, which came into

German district authorities in the

Herr Franz Neumann, Chairman of

"I wonder whether the Western

Allies will put up with this " he

asked. "I hope they show back-

against the increasing illegal border

crossings of doubtful elements, not

only from the West to East, but also

ries had been reported stopped,

"We should certainly have heard

about it if there had been any such

SERGT. TURNED BACK

geant at gun-point to return over

the border of the British and Soviet

zones, preventing him from making

Soviet troops also forced Ger-

from East to West.

Control official.

SOVIETS ERECT BARRIER

(Continued from Page 1)

As the town possesses only one sector into the Western' sectors

photographer, the workers im- from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily, the

mediately protested and asked for Soviet authorities in Berlin an-

Two Dakota transport aircraft incident," an officer of the Provost

dividual inspection of their transit man police from the British Zone

they pass through the check points. Helmstedt, which was formerly oc-

The Soviet authorities have im- cupied by the Russians but later

more time to secure the required nounced today.

An official of the mines told Soviet sector.

side on their way to work, our

The Baden-to-Berlin French mill-

morning, has resumed

journey, and is due in Berlin short-

ly, the German news agency, DPD.

The French train, which leaves

Berlin daily for Baden, will leave

according to schedule tomorrow, the

American circles in Frankfurt to-

available in the American Zone

Three omnibuses will also be run

between the British Military Govern-

ment hendquarters in Berlin and

Helmstedt and points in the British

Passengers in the buses will

presumably have to undergo in-

Zone by normal trains.

French nuthorities announced offi-

BERLIN AIRFIELD

#### The Association secretary, Tom New York, Apr. 1.-Olle Kanaly, said he had received a letter from Wang's trainer, Chen taltive said today that the that a pair of running shoes be sent there so that Wang might be equipped for a few warmup con-

the runner's arches. .

Wang and Lau. Wen-ngau, two of government. China's best distance runnets, came to the United States especially to blotted out in Europe, they will becompete in the Boston Marathon come increasingly insecure in the which last year was won by Yun New World as well. Bok-su, a Korean.-United Press.

#### INTER-VARSITY RUGGER

Edinburgh, Apr. 1.—Edinburgh University defeated Paris University in a rugby union game here teday

The score in the only other Rugpionship with 53 to 49 victory over Wasps 9, Aberdeen University 3,-Associated Press.

### NEW HOPE FOR FOXES

London, Apr. 1.—The Society for Chinng's sympathy and assistance."

Green concluded that good friends press.

even to cheer the winners.—United ported at its annual convention that 400 members of Parliament had promised to support legislation to prohibit fox hunling.—United Press.

# U.S. Forces

Washington, Apr. 1.-President Truman today authorised the Secretary of Defence, Mr James Forrestal, 'to prepare detailed estimates for an additional \$3,000,000,000 for the United States military establishment for the fiscul year July 1948 to June 1949.

In a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Joseph Martin, President Truman sald the additional funds were "necessary to enable us to meet our international responsibilities."

He also asked Congress for \$375,-000,000 for the fiscal year 1949 to permit the Bureau Federal Supply to enter into long-term contracts ing" of Berlin by the British and pure, Indonesia and other islands sible for us to carry out this order the Berlin Social Democrat Party, for strategic and critical materials. The President's letter said: "It is my, earnest hope that, on the solid foundations of our foreign aid programmes and a limited increase in our present military strength, we can achieve a substantial lessening Dr Wilhelm Kuelz, Chairman of the of the present international tension, Liberal. Democratic Party in the and can move forward towards our Soviet Zone, saw in the strengthening goal of securing a just and lasting of Russian control a natural measure peace".- Reuter.

# CHINESE ENTRY

nationals previously resident in the United States

Exclusion Act of December 1943 failed to provide for Chinese who legally entered the United States on or after July 1, 1942 to engage in international trade to receive reentry permits and legally re-enter Brunswick, 'Apr. 1. -- Russian the country after a visit to their troops today forced a British ser- homeland.

As a result these Chinese nationals must, under the existing law, make a routine daily visit to a Soviet re-application to enter under the quota limitations, which are not large The incident occurred at the enough to prevent lengthy waiting Autobahn crossing the frontier near periods,

> The Chamber said, these Chinese merchants have proved themselves a valuable bart of the United "States, and urged the inequity of the pre-Congress.-United Press.

# South American Aid For Europe Urged

Bogota, Apr. 1.—General George Marshall, U. S. Secretary of State, today called on Latin America to aid in the rehabilitation of Europe after warning that "if human rights and liberties are blotted out in Europe, they will be increasingly insecure in the New World as

Gen. Marshall said that the to be available for sound projects. United States could only finance "a small proportion" of the development needed in Latin America because of "the tremen-

capital as the best means of obtaining the necessary finance in Latin

Speaking to the second plenary session of the Pan-American Conference, Gen. Marshall said: "Wo have encountered the determined and open opposition of one group of states. If the genuine co-operation of the Soviet Union could be secured, world recovery, and peace would be

"Until such a co-operation is secured, we might proceed with our

### Heavy Responsibilities

"My government has assumed heavy responsibilities in this undertaking, but we cannot do the job

"We need the understanding, and co-operation of other nations whose objectives are the same as ours. "Many people and themselves today faced with the urgent necessity of meeting staggering and inescapable

litical, financial and military all over "The basic economic trouble has been the collapse of European

responsibilities—humanitarian, po-

"The recovery of Europe is therefore a prerequisite to the resumption

of trade relations. "We propose to provide the free Chen enclosed a tracing of Wang's nations of Europe with that addifeet and information on height and tional strength they require to de- Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton fend the free way of life and to preserve the institutions of seif-

"If human rights and liberties are

#### Lending Authority "The United States cannot continue to bear alone the burdens on its own economy now necessary to initiate a restoration of prosperity. "We have to look to other nations whose interests correspond with

ours for active co-operation." Gen. Marshall jannouseed that President Truman was asking-Congress for an increase in the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes entiter than the ordinary mail.
If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. the PRIDAY, APRIL 2

Closing Times By Air Saigon and Paris, 320 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow,
Tsingtao, Peiping, Chungking, Foochow,
Taihan and Swatow, 320 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train
Swatow and Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m. Tenmkong (sea) 3 p.m.

Shanghai (Bea) -3 -p.m. Japan (Ordinary Letters and Cards only) Macao, Tainshan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m. Canton (Second Class Mails only) (Train) Manile, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa (Sea) 3 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Parcels and 2nd Class Mail)

(Sea) 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Closing Times By Air

Canton (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10

a.m., 12,30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m.

9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m. Shanghal, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord). Mantia, P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. & Canada 9.30 a.m. (reg.): 10 a.m. (ord.). Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi Bahrein, Cairo, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marsellles via Coiro). Augusta and London (Kowloon C.P.O.) 3 p.m.;

Pelping 3.00 p.m. (reg.); 3.30 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train Macao Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 6 a.m. Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 10 a.m. Manila, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No parceis for Canada) (Sea) 2 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m. Canton (Second Class Mail) (Train) 2 p.m. Straits (Sea) 3 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No. Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 5 p.m.

## ZBW RADIO

Canton (Parcels and 2nd Class Mail) (Bea)

Berlin police headquarters stated this afternoon that they know nothing of reports that 12 American lorries had been seized by armed Russians while passing through the Soviet sector of the city.

The United States Provost Marshal's Office here stated into this shal's Office here stated into this operand that are United States in the resolution of the immigration laws to permit the resentry of Chinese and into the integration laws to permit the resentry of Chinese and into how its proposal register in the research of the immigration laws to permit the resentry of Chinese and into how its proposal register in the research of the immigration in the research of the register in the research of the research of the research of the register in the research of the Report: 9.16, "Sweet Berenade", Peter Yorke and His Concert Orchestra with An amendment to the Chinese Exclusion Act of December 1943 by Emily Bonett with Rita Vale and Earne Percy. (London Relay); 11.00, Close Down,

#### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. The Dachshund. 2. Saint John the Baptist. 3. It is part of the Pacific Ocean located five miles south of Sydney, Australia, 4 Twelve hundred. 5, The discovery of spots on the sun. 6. The German printer Johannes Gutenberg.

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dous drafts' already being made on her resources.

He promised an increase from the Export-Import Bank capital for sound projects, but pointed to the World Bank and private venture

To-day !!! To-day !!!

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.



TO-MORROW, APRIL 3RD.

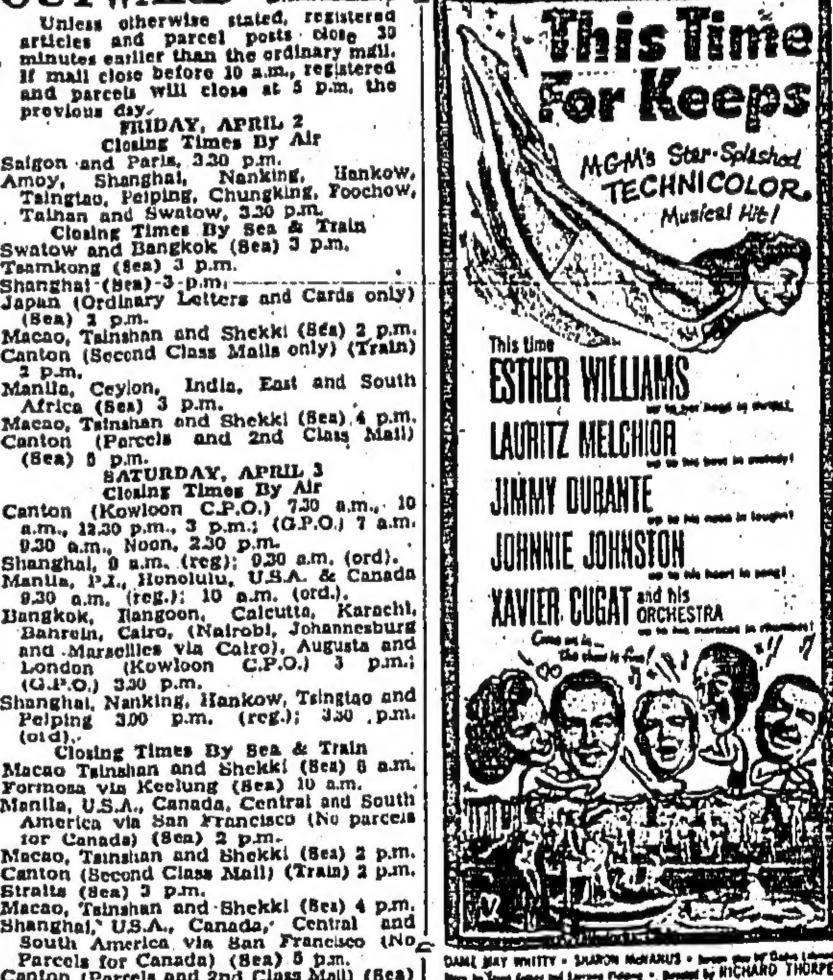
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